



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES
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BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT NATIONAL FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY 3RD AND SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: The British Universities Sailing Association (in association with the British Universities & Colleges Sport) in conjunction with The University of Plymouth and Mount Batten Watersports & Activities Centre.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.
- 1.2 The General Regulations of the British Universities & Colleges Sport.
- 1.3 Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order and the Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners shall apply to all competitors. All competing boats shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth. A copy be posted on the Official Notice Board or at <http://www.qhmplymouth.org.uk/regulations/dppo>
- 1.4 Competitors need to adhere to the Mount Batten Water Sports and Activity Centre code of conduct.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Only students internally registered at an institution affiliated to the British Universities & Colleges Sport may enter the regatta. All competitors shall present their student registration/matriculation card at registration.
- 2.2 All competitors must be from an institution which is currently affiliated and in good standing with the British Universities Sailing Association.
- 2.3 Only competitors who are entered on the Entry Form may compete. **This includes any reserves** who may be used. In the event of an institution wishing to change the crew nominated to race in a particular boat, it must apply to the Organising Authority for permission to do so. The Organising Authority will only give permission where the replacement crew has been entered on the Entry Form. The Organising Authority will accommodate institutions who need to reallocate crews amongst their boats, but it will not accept any individual competing in the event who has not been previously entered. Any last minute/on the day changes such as crew, boat or sail number changes will incur a £5 donation to the Sail4Cancer charity.
- 2.4 The helm and any crew of a boat shall be from the same institution.
- 2.5 The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:
Laser Handicap (Inc Laser Radials, 4.7s)
Firefly
Slow and Fast Handicap Fleets - dinghies with Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers 1200 and 700 (No Keelboats). The split between the fleets will be decided after entries have closed.

All craft entering the event must be in a good state of repair and adequately prepared for winter sea sailing.

Any craft deemed by the Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or the event may be excluded, under Rule 76.1 or the Race Committee may direct that the boat shall not go afloat. Competitors are also reminded that sailors go afloat at their own risk and, notwithstanding anything within this clause the Organising Authority and Race Committee do not accept any responsibility for the inspection of boats.

- 2.6 Eligible boats must enter by using the online booking system through their Athletic/Sports Union. (Information required for entry: Helm/Crew names, Fleet entering, class of boat (Handicap), sail number, Portsmouth Number)
- 2.7 **No entries will be accepted after midnight on Thursday 18 October 2012. No late entries will be accepted.**
- 2.8 Any class which receives less than 15 entries may be cancelled or merged with another class at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 2.9 All competitors must produce at registration their University Registration/Matriculation Card - an NUS card will not suffice.
- 2.10 All competitors must produce before registration a completed Acknowledgement of Risk Form (download from the busa website) signed and dated by each competitor.
- 2.11 All sail numbers must be clearly displayed. No changes of sail number will be permitted except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee. Fireflies which have only a two-digit sail number must display the first letter of their institution before the number (i.e. Cardiff University 12 and 13 become C12 and C13). Bow numbers will also be provided at registration for all Firefly boats and these shall be displayed by the boats at all times.
- 2.12 The Organising Authority will divide the Handicap class into a Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap class. The decision of the Organising Authority or Race Committee as to which division a boat shall compete in shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required fees are as follows: £44.25
- 3.2 Entries shall be made via the BUCScore online entry system. All member athletic/student unions have access to this system. If an institution does not have access or cannot enter please contact the BUCS office.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Friday 2 November 2012 1700hrs – 1830hrs
Saturday 3 November 2012 0800hrs – **0930hrs***

(*Anyone who turns up after 0930hrs to register may be charged a late fee of a £5 donation to Sail4Cancer)

A Briefing will take place at 0945hrs on Saturday and 0915 on Sunday.

- 4.2 Schedule of Races

<i>Day</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>
Saturday	1	1055hrs
	2	As soon as possible after Race 1
	3	As soon as possible after Race 2
Sunday	4	1025hrs
	5	As soon as possible after Race 4
	6	As soon as possible after Race 5

The Organising Authority may alter the schedule of races, including the start times at any time until 21.30hrs on the day before the day the changes are to take effect.

- 4.3 Two completed races will constitute a series.

- 4.4 Practice/free sailing is available on Friday 2nd November at a cost of £6 per boat. Booking is essential by calling Mount Batten Watersports & Activities Centre on 01752 404567. Access to the centre to drop off boats will be until 10pm on Friday 2nd November and will re-open at 7am on Saturday 3rd November.
- 5 **MEASUREMENT**
Each boat shall possess a valid measurement certificate.
- 6 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available beforehand from the BUCS/BUSA websites.
- 7 **VENUE**
Races shall be sailed in Plymouth Sound, North of the breakwater.
Directions to the Mount Batten Centre can be found on their website:
<http://www.mount-batten-centre.com/contact.php>
- 8 **THE COURSES**
The courses to be sailed will be indicated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9 **SCORING**
The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10 **BERTHING**
Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park. No cars are permitted to park in the boat park. There will be a boat 'drop off' system in place at the centre.
- 11 **EQUIPMENT**
- 11.1 Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn whilst on the pontoons and when afloat. A drysuit or wetsuit does not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 11.2 A Drysuit or wetsuit must be worn whilst afloat.
- 11.3 All boats are required to carry a 3 metre (Minimum 8mm) rope attached to their bow.
- 12 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**
A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 13 **SUPPORT BOATS**
Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area. Any coaches and/or support vessels must register with the OA at least 1 week before the event.
- 14 **PRIZES**
Prizes will be given as follows:
Team Prize: The team prize will be awarded to the institution which has the 3 boats who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which had 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.
- BUCS Medals and points: For boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all fleets raced, numbers permitting. 4th placed boats will also be awarded BUCS points.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, British Universities & Colleges Sport, Mount Batten Centre or the University of Plymouth will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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